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EDITORIALS

LET'S HAVE COLLINS FOR LIEUT. GOVERNOR

Major attention thus far in the preliminary campaign for this August's primary election in Virginia has been focused on the five candidates for governor. Little has been said or written about the naming of a Lieutenant Governor.

It was the pleasure and privilege of this newspaper four years ago to support the candidacy for this office of the Hon. L. Preston Collins, of Smyth County. In a close contest, Mr. Collins won election. He has discharged the duties of the office in a highly creditable manner. Furthermore, during the sessions of the General Assembly, he has given sound leadership to the legislators in the performance of their duties.

Therefore, we see every reason why "Pat" Collins should be re-elected to the office of Lieutenant Governor. We were for him before and we will be for him again.

AN EARLY START

Be it noted that it was mid-March, 1945,when William M. Tuck of Halifax announced as a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Governor of Virginia.

This year at the same date we have five candidates, all fairly well advanced with their campaigning.

Surely there is ample time this year for the voters to size up the candidates and select the better man for the job.

APPOMATTOX STAMP

Congressman Abbitt is behind a project to have government issue a special commemorative three- cent stamp April 9, 1950, to honor the signing of peace here on April 9, 1865. The project should, and we hope will, pass. Every bit of publicity secured for Appomattox is a help, and every recognition of the balm of peace is cause for rejoicing.

PARDON BOARD

The Times-Virginia is thoroughly in agreement with the Farmville Herald in its declaration that the State of Virginia should re-establish the Pardon Board.

No satisfactory explanation was ever given as to why the Pardon Board was abolished.

The 1948 General Assembly, for some reason the law, which back in 1942 had set up a Pardon and Parole Board. The board consisted of three members who were selected on a basis of experience and training to give their full time and make exhaustive studies of all material pertaining to petitions for pardons and paroles. It took a great load off the Governor and put the whole business on a high plane of sociological science.

In changing the law, the Assembly returned the pardon responsibility to the Governor and left the parole responsibility with the board.

It seems to us that the matter of pardons should be in the hands of a skilled board and divested from the Governor.

What Other Editors Say:

PAY-AS-YOU-GO

(Charlottesville Daily-Progress)

Remmie Arnold, the Petersburg manufacturer who is seeking the Democratic nomination for Governor of Virginia, told a Richmond audience recently that this State's pay-as-you-go method of financing capital improvements unfairly burdens the present generation.

"I do not see how in fairness to our present generation," he declared in a talk to the Richmond Optimist Club, "we can subscribe to a pay-as-you-go plan that is interpreted to mean that the citizens of today must continue to pay in full for that which other citizens in the future will continue to enjoy also."

There are two good answers to that.

In the first place, it is fair for this generation to pay for improvements of future as well as present usefulness because we are enjoying the benefits of improvements paid for by past generations. Virginia is free of debt today because Virginians of past years assumed the kind of burden which Mr. Arnold thinks it is unfair for the Virginians of today to assume. As the beneficiaries of the pay-as-you-go policy of past years, we have an obligation to preserve its benefits for the future.

In the second place, the pas-as-you-go method is the economical method. Interest charges may add 40 or 50 per cent to the over-all cost of improvements financed by the sale of bonds. That is something to be avoided if possible.

Mr. Arnold, as a business man, knows that it is often wise for a business institution to borrow money for plant expansion or other purposes. But that is the case only when the business can expect to recover interest and principal, and something additional, fr m the additional earnings made possible by the borrowing. The State's situation is different. With certain exceptions, such as the proposed York River toll bridge, it cannot expect any direct return from money invested in public improvements. The prudent course for it to follow is to pay for improvements out of current income. Only a very grave emergency would justify a departure from that policy.

VIRGINIA'S SURPLUS

(Washington Evening Star)

The refusal by the Executive Committee of the Trustees to petition the Governor for a special session of he Legislature presumably means that the effort to divert part of the State's $84,000,000 "surplus-- to school construction has failed.

This effortwas led by school authorities in Fairfax County, where the need for new school construction is urgent. They had hoped that a special session of the legislature would appropriate to the State Literary Fund a portion of this "surplus" and that it would then be available for school loans to the counties.

There would be much force to the Fairfax argument if, in fact, Virginia had a surplus of more than $80,000,000. This, however, is not the case. In the first place the sum referred to as surplus is based in part on anticipated revenues. Or, in other words, this $84,000,000 surplus has not yet materialized. Furthermore, most of the money actually in hand has been committed for other purposes, such as hospitals, health centers, mental institutions, jails, industrial schools, tuberculosis sanitoria, etc. These projects were carefully investigated before the appropriations for them were made. Here, too, the need is acute, and it is doubtful to say the least, that the best interests of all the people of Virginia would be served if these projects should be set back ten, fifteen, or twenty years as a result of long-term school loans to the counties.

There is a further question whether the counties have done their best to help themselves. Under Virginia law segregating revenues, the counties and cities were given the exclusive right to collect taxes on real estate and personal property. This money does not go to the State; it stays in the counties. In return for this, the counties assumed responsibility for the construction of schools, the State's role being limited to providing funds for administrative costs and teacher's salaries. A recent study showed, however, that 71 of the 100 counties in the State are assessing real estate, based on true value, at a lower rate in 1947 than they were in 1926. This does not suggest that the bulk of counties are carrying their share of the school load.

Senate body backs Hull tariff set-up.

FOUR YEARS AGO:

William M. Tuck announces as candidate for Governor of Virginia.

Senior play, "Sound Your Horn" to be given at the Pamplin High School March 23, 1945.

Funeral services held for Mrs. Alta Bell Chandler.

ONE YEAR AGO:

Formal opening of the American Legion Building at Appomattox set for March 26.

Six teams plan to compete in the Skyline League.

County supervisors study budget for next fiscal year.

SPARE THE DITCH!

Spare the ditch and save the highway. That's the substance of a State Highway Department plea to Virginia's farmers now that spring plowing time has come around again. All too frequently, says the department, roadside ditches get plowed up along the farmer's fields. As a result, drainage is blocked and water backs up to destroy the road. Which means additional work and expense for the department . . and less funds for road improvement in general.

Farmer, spare the ditch!

`E NOT DIS-MAYED

The country may take heart from the expert opinion on the price situation by President Truman's top economic advisor. We are simply in a period of disinflation. In other words prices are disascending in a healthy sort of way. So there is no cause for disencouragement. Everybody can dis-inhale and relax.

— Eastern Shore News

A CAROLINA TREE GROWS

(From New York Times)

Native orators have facetiously described North Carolina as "a valley of humility between two mountains of pride, Virginia and South Carolina." The pride of the state of the long-leaf pine must be swelling these days, for it is achieving notable gains among progressive Southern states.

There has been a long and continuous flourishing of the tree of liberalism from which the state is now beginning to gather fruit. "It is time," says Governor Scott, "for North Carolina to stop dodging the Negro question." He pledges himself to see that "the minority race has a fair opportunity." North Carolina abandoned the poll tax as a prerequisite to voting thirty years' ago. It was one of the first Southern states to break the barrier against the employment of Negroes by the municipalities, with its uniforming of Negro policemen.

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill has nourished the tree. Much that the South and the nation know about regionalism it learned from Howard W. Odum and a brilliant coterie of teachers in the social sciences at the University. Rupert B. Vance studied the population of the South and its movements and told the country that here was the seed-bed of its people. The University of North Carolina Press published books about the South by Southern authors, like Mr. Daniels, "discovering" the infinite variety of life below the Potomac. Sharecroppers, farmers, landlords and workers at many odd jobs came vividly to life in stories that told the region sometimes with the simplicity of a Chekhov, how its people lived. For two decades and more the University at Chapel Hill has been the dynamic center of a Southern cultural renaissance chiefly concerned with the workings of Southern social forces.

Now Governor Scott, in an old phrase of the itinerant farmer, is "aimin' to move." His "Go Forward" program calls for new schools, rural electrification and for diversified agriculture. Here is a program worth watching as its pacemakers stride through he "Valley."

Coal official calls production halt a strike.

Thirteen billion in insurance is force in Canada.

Red Cross fund drive nears end in county.

Soviet is attempting to build up industry in Siberia.

Expect cherry blossoms to be in Washington first week in April.

World scientists hail Einstein at 70th birthday.

German churches face restrictions of Soviet.

Have you turned in your contribution to the Red Cross? Mrs. P. S. Drinkard, Appomattox, Va., is the fund treasurer.

Eastern railroads lay off 40,000 men due to halt of production at coal mines.

THE BIBLE SPEAKS

International Uniform Bible School Lessons

By DR. KENNETH J. FOREMAN

SCRIPTURE: Mark 6:7-12, 30-44; Luke 11:1-13

DEVOTIONAL READING: Matthew 10:5-16

Leadership School

Lesson for March 20, 1949

IT TAKES more than a call of God to be a Christian leader. It takes study, it takes work. The call is necessary, of course, but it is not all. Jesus set the church an example here as always. He called his Twelve; but he was not so foolish as to think that just because he had called them they were all ready to go out and take the lead. Jesus put them through what may be called the first Leadership Training School in the history of the Christian church.

Dr. Foreman

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Who Was Enrolled?

THE TWELVE Apostles were the first training class. Not all Jesus' disciples were equal to it; perhaps some of them actually did not have the time. But these Twelve had already been set off from the others, not because they were better men, but in order to do more direct service in Christ's name. There was nothing formal about Jesus' training school.

It met wherever he was at the time—in a house, or by the roadside, or on a hill-top. There were no set hours, no textbooks, credits or diplomas.

Jesus kept it going to the very end, for even after the Resurrection, as Luke tells us (in Acts 1) he was still teaching his Twelve.

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What Did They Study?

THERE WAS no printed circular, no bulletin, no prospectus or catalogue. All the "courses" amounted to just one thing: learning to do what Jesus was doing. To this day, that is the aim of all Christian training. Mark and Luke mention at least four things Jesus' training-school students learned from him: preaching, healing the sick, feeding the hungry, and praying. It would not be quite true to say that part of what they learned was spiritual and part practical, for there is nothing more practical than praying as Jesus taught it, and Jesus never ministered to people's physical needs without touching their spirits too.

Many a person now in some hospital for the insane need not have gone there if he had had the help that a well-trained minister can give.

Ministers today are not taught how to perform miracles like the feeding of the 5,000; but knowing that people's physical well-being has a great deal to do with their spiritual welfare, the alert young Christian minister of today will be keenly interested in Christian social action.

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How Did They Learn?

THE TWELVE learned by doing. It is the only way you learn anything of a practical nature. Memorizing a textbook, memorizing rules, is not learning. You have learned how to do a thing only when you can do it. Of course you have to see it done, first. A boy on the farm learns to be a farmer by watching his father and helping him, more than from school courses in agriculture, useful as they are. There is nothing to take the place of apprenticeship under one who knows. So Jesus' Twelve watched him, listened to him, helped him, before they were trusted on their own.

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Will It Still Work?

THE METHODS Jesus taught are just as effective today as they ever were. Not all churches nowadays follow his line to the letter; in fact, most churches do not. But the basic principles which Jesus drilled into his first traveling representatives are still good. One is faith.

Missionaries in the 20th Century are required to take a great deal more equipment with them to their fields than one pair of shoes, one cane and an empty purse. Yet who can deny that any missionary of any church in China or Korea today, must live by faith from day to day?

Another of Jesus' principles was direct contact. People are not won to Christ chiefly by sermons from pulpits, but by in-the-home contacts. Ministers know this, missionaries know it; Sunday school teachers ought to know it too. Getting acquainted with your boys and girls at their homes, and being a friend to them there, is what will give your Sunday teaching its greatest force and success.

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Richwood

Richwood, March 15.- The Training Union meets at Central Baptist Church Sunday at 6:30 P. M., and worship services at 7:30.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Blackwell were the guests Sunday afternoon of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Wilburn

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Pugh were visiting relatives in Lynchburg Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Carter Martin visited with Carter's parents Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Davis and children, Frances and Janie, of Pamplin visited with Mr. and Mrs. Edmond Pugh Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph May visited relatives in Lynchburg Sunday afternoon.

Capt. Nollie Lewis, U. S. Army, and Mrs. Lewis, who have been vacationing with Nollie's father, J. Lloyd Lewis, and Mr. and Mrs. Carter Martin, left Monday for two weeks in Florida with Mrs. Lewis' parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hunter and daughter were in Lynchburg on business Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Carey, of Lynchburg were Sunday guests of Floyd Trent, Mrs. Carey's father.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Pugh, of Amherst were the Sunday afternoon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Edmond Pugh and Mr. and Mrs. T. Wooldridge and daughter, Marvelle Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Pugh visited with Mrs. Pugh's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Page, of Oakville Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Mann were in Lynchburg Friday on business.

L. Watt drove to Washington, D. C. Monday with the Rev. D. S. Bomberg.

I. Br wn, who has been employed in Washington for the past few months returned with them on Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Mann were in Lynchburg on business Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Phillips and son, of Bedford; Mr. and Mrs. L. Goin and daughter, of Appomattox spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Hal Sarver and family.

Woodrow Fleshman is enlarging his store at Richwood.

Beverly Hills

Beverly Hills, March 15.- Mr. and Mrs. Joe Brown and family, of Lynchburg were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Spiggle.

Pvt. Charles Reed, who is stationed at Langley Field, is spending a 30-day furlough with his family.

Mrs. Whitcomb Wells, who suffered a heart attack recently, is doing much better.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Moore and family, S. A. Moore and family, Riley Moore, of Lynchburg, Miss Estelle Moore, of Roanoke were all Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ottice Moore.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Gunter, of Brooke spent Sunday in the neighborhood.

John R. Booker, who is undergoing treatment at the Medical College Hospital in Richmond, is showing some improvement.

Experts claim Russia is "open" for air blows.

Rocks News

Rocks, March 14.- Farmers are busy plowing.

Buddy Jennings and Donald Roach are out again after getting several cuts and bruises in a car wreck recently.

Miss Etta Ranson spent a Saturday night recently with Miss Annie C. Ranson at her home here.

Mrs. Holmsey Inge, Sr. and Jr., Mrs. D. R. Inge, Mrs. Toby Inge, Mrs. Nowlin, Mrs. Robert Roach and Mrs. W. F. Ranson were helping Mrs. H. W. Ranson quilt last Tuesday.

Rev. and Mrs. C. G. Carter and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Frank Ranson and children called to see Cassie Baldwin awhile Wednesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Marsh, who have been sick, are out again.

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Pugh were visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Marsh one afternoon recently.

Mr. and Mrs. John Kent Hamilton, of Evergreen called to see Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Marsh awhile last Monday.

The Rocks Home Demonstration Club held its March meeting with Mrs. Walter Ranson.

Mr. and Mrs. Toby Inge were in Lynchburg Saturday.

Mrs. H. W. Ranson took her daughter, Louise, to Lynchburg, Saturday to see an eye specialist. Louise is now wearing glasses.

Lewis Dickerson went to Farmville Friday.

Louise Jennings was visiting Mrs. Penick Harvey Saturday night.

Friends are sorry to hear of the critical illness of Mrs. Penick Harvey.

Mrs. J. A. Garrett, Miss Estelle Sweeney and Melvin Garrett spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Toby Inge.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Ranson and children were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Otis Ranson last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Frank Ranson and Mary Willie went to Appomattox Thursday morning.

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From where I sit ... *by* Joe Marsh

Never Too Late To Learn

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Seems Squint found a new way to clear brush. They take two tractors, about thirty feet apart, and connect them with a heavy chain weighted down on the ground with old iron. First they both go parallel in one direction, then they go back over the same swath in the opposite direction and up comes the brush—roots and all. Worked fine and saved time.

That's why things go so well at the Miller farm. Cappy is open-minded, *tolerant* of new ideas and new ways of doing. He doesn't think his way is the only way.

From where I sit, a little tolerance will make things go better for all of us. You respect my views and I'll respect yours—whether it's on farming, politics, or choosing between an ice cream soda or a temperate glass of beer.

Joe Marsh

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